

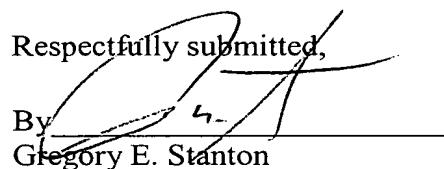
REMARKS

This amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination, the requisite fee, and an Information Disclosure Statement. By way of this amendment, claims 18 and 20 have been amended. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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